



Setting Sail **2009 MLTI Summer Institute Presenter Biographies**

Jeff Beaudry is an associate professor at USM, and has a degree in scientific photography.

Dave Boardman has worked with students and teachers at the elementary, middle and secondary level in literacy, technology, and multimedia creation. A former Technology Educator of the Year, he works on technology initiatives with the Maine Writing Project and a variety of professional development networks. A full-time teacher at Messalonskee High School, he is completing doctoral work examining pressures influencing the transformative use of instructional technology.

Heidi Brewer is a social studies teacher at Thornton Academy in Saco, Maine. She has been teaching for 13 years, 4 at the middle school level and 9 at the high school level.

Jim Burke brings thirty-two years of teaching experience grades 3 through 8 to his present position, the MLTI/eMINTS Trainer/Mentor for the Western Maine Region. Jim was the Technology Integration Coordinator for Oxford Hill School District before taking his present position.

Mike Burd was a technology business owner for seven years and a community educator for three years before joining the FCABE Team in 2005. He is of the mind that fluency in the language of Information Technology can be a powerful empowerment skill; both personally and professionally. Mike is also a professional bassist and amateur grandparent. He is in relentless pursuit of almost any life-engaging opportunity.

Richard Byrne is a Social Studies teacher at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. Outside of Oxford Hills he is best known for his award-winning blog [<http://freetech4teachers.com>] Free Technology for Teachers.

Larry Cassis has been an educator for 26 years. He is currently a Science & Technology Teacher at Camden Hills Regional High School and was formerly the Computer & Video Teacher there as well. From 2001 to 2005 he was privileged to be an Apple-SEED Technology Learning Leader providing MLTI laptop training to 7-8 teachers.



Tom Coolidge, a Maine native, graduated from the University of Southern Maine in 1975 with a B.S. in Music Education. He has taught in Maine public schools off and on for the past 30+ years most recently at Telstar Middle School since 2001. Being a middle school music teacher plus having access to technology courtesy of MLTI has provided ample opportunity for experimenting with many programs among which is Garageband.

Cynthia Curry is a former middle and high school science teacher who has been working in the field of universal design and accessibility in education for over eight years. She provides services across elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education and has been part of the MLTI since 2004.

Brian Cushing teaches social studies at Lake Region High School. He is coordinator for the Maine Geographic Bee and board member of the Maine Geographic Alliance. Brian served as distinguished educator for the Maine Department of Education in Social Studies and is on the rubric development committee for the MDOE.

David Davis graduated with a B.S. in Business Education from the University of Maine at Machias in May 1988, and has been teaching since the fall of 1988. He has served as computer teacher at Maine Central Institute (Pittsfield, Maine), Dayton Consolidated School (Dayton, Maine) and now serves as the Technology Coordinator at Brooksville Elementary School (Brooksville, Maine). David has participated in many educational initiatives such as Maine RE:Learning/TREK, Coalition of Essential Schools (Brown University); New Standards Portfolio Pilot; Education by Design; Mac Leadership Institute; and he has been with MLTI since 2002. He is a professed Mac addict and loves not only teaching with Macs and related technology, but exploring the multifaceted uses of the iLife suite of software programs to enhance and transform classroom learning, such as today's topic: Poetic Digital Storytelling. This is the first time David has presented to the MLTI community.

Bethany Dunfee-Pierce has spent 12 years teaching art, 7 years at the high school level, graduated *Cum Laude* from Bates College. Beth is also associated with the Member National Art Education Association, Maine Art Educators Association and is a practicing Oil Painter, Pastel Artist, Educator Creativity Consultant, and Outdoor Expedition Leader.

Ernie Easter is currently a grade 7 & 8 teacher at the New Sweden School in New Sweden, Maine. He teaches all subjects in a multi-graded classroom. Ernie has been the MLTI Teacher leader since the beginning of the Maine Learning Technology Initiative. During this time he was also the MLTI Content Leader for Special Education in Aroostook County. He has taught regular education for 6 years and special education for 22 years. He integrates his subjects and uses projects in his teaching.

Margie Genereux has been a computer instructor for ten years. She is also the webmaster for a number of small businesses in New England. Margie has presented

technology workshops for both K-12 teachers and adult education. This school year she will be a mentor in the MARTI project, bringing technology to rural Maine.

Amy Goodness is an art teacher at Thornton Academy in Saco, Maine. She is also a practicing artist. She has worked with a variety of populations ranging from pre- school students to adults of all ages and abilities.

Barbara Greenstone was a Technology/ Literacy Integrator at Mt. Ararat Middle School before coming to MLTI in 2003 as a Statewide Integration Mentor. She has taught 5th grade, 6th grade, Reading K-8, Language Arts 6-8, and Gifted and Talented. She began teaching with technology in the late 1980's when her students taught her how to use an Apple IIe.

Ann Marie Quirion Hutton is an educator, computer coordinator, artist and all around Mac guru. She has been teaching middle school for two decades and still has lots of fun helping people learn new and meaningful things. She also is an adjunct professor for the University of Maine, Orono (COEHD) and an Apple Professional Development consultant. With 3 college degrees, art (BFA), education (M.Ed) and technology education (MS CTE), she brings a well-rounded educational mix that will ensure a great learning experience.

Shawn Kimball has been part of MLTI since its beginning serving as Teacher Leader, Technology Coordinator, and Regional Science Content Leader. Shawn has K-12 experience helping teachers learn software and technology integration skills. Currently serving as the full-time technology integration specialist for Hampden Academy, Shawn has been a technology integrator for the past four years. Shawn is always eager to help you sort through Web 2.0 tools finding what best fits you, your needs, and your teaching style.

Olga LaPlante brings a rich background in foreign language instruction and professional development to her present position as the MLTI/eMINTS Trainer/Mentor in Southern Maine. She has taught at the high school and college level and engages students and parents from all socio-economic and cultural backgrounds. A native of Russia she has a special perspective on life and learning that influences her work with young people and adults.

Ed Latham is a veteran math teacher at the middle, high school, and college level. During his most recent position at Madawaska High School he served on the math curriculum development team and worked on the standards-based reporting system. Presently he is the Northern Aroostook MLTI/eMINTS Trainer mentor.

Cammie Lepper

Chris Lehman is not only the 'Setting Sail' keynote speaker and but was an honoree for the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development's 2009 Outstanding Young

Educator Award. The National School Board Association in 2006 named Chris one of "20 to Watch" among American administrators. He has spoken at educational conferences all over the world, including the National Association of Secondary Schools Conference, the National Educational Computing Conference, The Yahoo Cybercitizen Conference, The Innovative Learning Conference, and The Council of Educational Facilities Planners Regional Conference. He has worked with many schools and districts in the U.S. and England as a consultant, writes for LeaderTalk, Grant Wiggins' Faculty Room and is the author of the education blog Practical Theory.

Cori Modisette has spent 10 years teaching English Language Arts (8 in CT, 2 in ME). She graduated *Summa Cum Laude* from Saint Joseph College (CT). Cori also is the Inmate and Law Librarian at York County Jail, on the Executive Board MCELA (09/10 school year) and a Teacher Consultant for the Connecticut Writing Project.

Dr. Ruben Puentedura is the Founder and President of Hippasus, a consulting firm focusing on transformative applications of information technologies to education. He has implemented these approaches for over twenty years at a range of institutions, from schools, colleges and universities, to hospitals and arts organizations. He has been working with the Maine Learning Technology Initiative since 2003, and is the creator of the four-level approach to selecting, using, and evaluating technology in education that underlies Maine's "Roadmap to the 21st Century Classroom." He can be reached at rubenrp@hippasus.com.

Becky Ranks is a veteran elementary school teacher in Gardiner, Maine, with extensive experience in integrating technology in teaching and learning. She was a regular SEED developer, a recipient of one of twenty national Verizon/NEA technology grants. Becky is the MidCoast MLTI/eMINTS Trainer/Mentor.

Rosanna Sherman graduated from The University of Maine with a B.S. in Elementary Education in 2006. She is the fifth and sixth grade teacher at the Brooksville Elementary School. Rosanna is currently pursuing her master's degree with a concentration in literacy through the University of New England.

Sarah Sutter teaches art at Wiscasset HS. Technology Educator of the Year in 2004, Sarah is a MLTI Teacher Leader, integrating technology across curricular areas. An adjunct lecturer at the UMA, Sarah has an MFA in Digital Photography/Video, and is currently pursuing a MEd in Instructional Technology at UMaine.

Martha Thibodeau is the MLTI/eMINTS Trainer/Mentor for the Kennebec Valley region. As a math and social studies teacher at the middle school level, she was integrating technology before the MLTI project and eagerly awaited the deployment of the 1:1 initiative. She immediately enlisted as the district Teacher/Leader providing support for both teaching and learning, and administrative functions as well.

Laura Val is a social entrepreneur, a filmmaker and an interculturalist whose passion is to use visual media to celebrate the richness of human experience. Through her work she strives to cultivate among people an understanding of cultural differences, facilitate transformative thinking and inspire positive action.

Jim Wells has been involved in education in one way or another for over 15 years, primarily as a social studies teacher. His passion for geography and world cultures has been stimulated by teaching students from all over the world in both the UK and the US. His current role as an integration mentor for MLTI is bringing him fresh perspectives and ideas for the future of global education.

Julie Criscitiello Wise has worked with refugee and immigrant youth since the beginning of her career in 1982. For the past 18 years she has taught ESL at Portland High School, co-advised the PHS International Club and initiated numerous opportunities for inter-cultural exchange between youth of diverse backgrounds.